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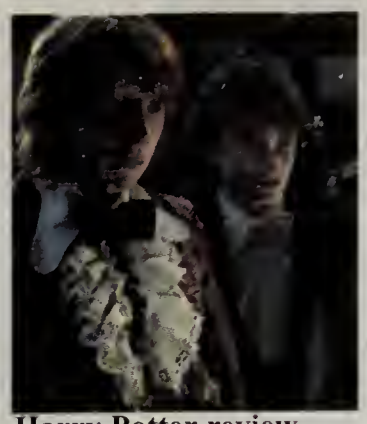

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Diversity issues?

University lacks policy to properly embrace campus' diversity.

BY DAVID P. FUNK
News Editor

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

That is the first amendment to the U.S. constitution, the beginning of the Bill of Rights. PUC is certainly abides by this, because it has made absolutely no rule regarding the free exercise of religion.

Assistant Dean of Students Sarah Howard, herself, describes the universities policies regarding students missing class time to practice religion as "loosey goosey."

Linda Merrick and Elizabeth Hoitsma, both juniors studying early childhood education, got first-hand knowledge of just how loose that policy is.

Merrick and Hoitsma describe themselves as "Sabbath keeping Christians." They are members of the United Church of God, a sect of Christianity that has a somewhat different interpretation of Bible scripture than most Christian sects, or at least practices differently.

Every fall Merrick, Hoitsma and fellow members of their church attend the Feast of Tabernacles, a religious celebration that requires them to take up a temporary place of dwelling and worship. Their church provides hem with a list of locations where celebrations will be held, and this year they chose to celebrate in California.

Last year, Hoitsma told her instructors in advance that she would be missing class. By Hoitsma's account, her EDCI 321 course instructor Linda Wold told Hoitsma that missing three classes was "unacceptable." Hoitsma said that Wold became "belligerent" during their conversation and withdrew Hoitsma from the class. Hoitsma said Wold was the only instructor who had any problems regarding her missing class, though some gave her extra work to do in order to catch up.

Wold was not reached for comment.

This semester, Hoitsma said she has "awesome professors." However, she does say that she is always nervous to discuss her religion and missing of class time at PUC.

"I've gotten flack for it," said Hoitsma. "I never know what people are going to say."

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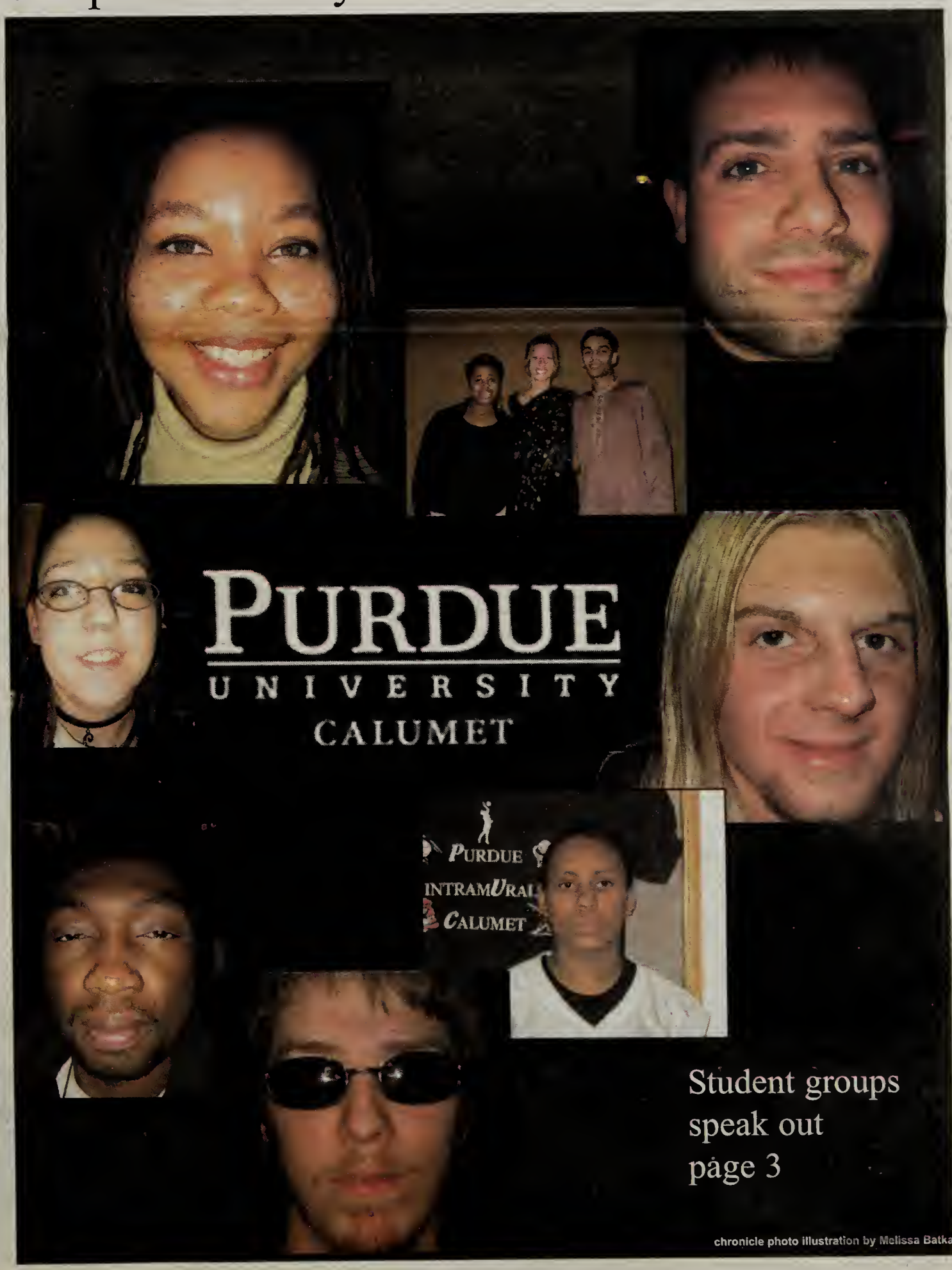

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FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF FACULTY...

...teaching practices, course preparation, and classroom environment.

This fall, student evaluations of teaching will be done with an on-line program called Flashlight. At the end of the evaluations, five students will be selected at random to receive a $50 gift certificate to the campus bookstore. Names of winners will be posted in the Chronicle.

Express how you feel about your classroom experience

Student evaluation of teaching is your big chance to express how you feel about your classroom experience. Your evaluations of course organization, materials, teaching style, and preparation help faculty improve their teaching. Faculty need to know if textbooks, technology, classroom environment and course format and organization are meeting student needs.

The eight questions on *Flashlight*, and your written remarks, are vital to improving teaching at Purdue University Calumet. Although instructors do not receive the results until after final grades are submitted, the data helps instructors, departments, and the university decide how to best present information so it is most understandable and useful for your education. The more students who respond the better it is for all students in future classes.

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The on-line evaluation of all of your courses takes just a few minutes to complete—it's quick and easy and let's you honestly express your view of the course and the instructor. All responses are anonymous—the instructor receives a summary of the evaluations and a list of students who completed the evaluation. There is no way to know the results of any individual evaluation—so let it rip! Tell them what a good job they did, or what they can do to improve next time.

Go to www.calumet.purdue.edu, click the button for Self Service Web. Click on Course/Instructor Evaluations, which will take you to PCStar. Login with your student ID and six-digit pin. A screen will list all your courses for the semester. Click on the link for each course to complete the survey. A visual guide is at *http://ctis.calumet.purdue.edu/osika/course_eval/images/Student%20Guide.pdf*.

Did your instructor do a great job? Did he or she stumble through? This is your big chance to indicate what you really think and help make PUC better. You might even get $50 for next semester!

What's Goin' On?

A look around

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Student Life & Activities is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Thursday, January 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Faculty member Lynn Zimmerman will facilitate a discussion on the book Totto Chan: The Little Girl at the Window by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi. Interested students may register at Student Life & Activities located in the Student Union Library room 324E or call 989-2369 for more information. Books are provided.

UPS Music Lunch Series

As part of the UPS Music Lunch Series, Student Life and Activities presents Chicago singer/songwriter Dave Tamkin to perform a unique style of rhythmic acoustic rock that is based around a fresh musical vision.

The performance will take place Monday, November 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Calumet Falls Lounge.

Art, Music and Community

FASA and Student Life and Activities present a night of art exhibition, music and community on December 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the concourse of the SUL building and in Calumet Falls.

SGA Senate meeting

The SGA will be hosting an open Senate meeting on December 2 at 5 p.m. in CLO room 190. All are welcome.

Transitioning from college to the workforce

Learn more about what you can expect from employers as you make the transition from your college career to your professional career.

Tuesday, November 29th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in SUL 321.

Gary Theatre Ensemble looking for new members

The newly formed performance company is seeking serious-minded and talented actors, who will be able to execute productions that deal with key issues of our day and times. If you are looking for the fine arts to make a change in the community, then we are looking for you.

Auditions will be held on November 30th from 7 to 9pm at Gary Art Works, 860 North Lake Street in Gary; must be 18.

Purdue Music Association

The Purdue Music Association brings you "The Litmus Paper- An Experiment in Funk" on November 30 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Calumet Falls.

"Bleacher Bums" Auditions

Open auditions are being held for "Bleacher Bums," a nine-inning tribute to Chicago Cubs' bleacher fans.

Eight males and two females will be casted and shooting will take place in the old right field bleachers of Wrigley Field.

Auditions will be held Tuesday, November 29, and Wednesday, November 30, at 7 p.m. at IUN's Tamarack Hall Theatre.

Please bring only a pen and yourself.

National Games Week

In celebration of National Games Week, PUGG will be holding Game Night on Tuesday November 22 at 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in CLO 237.

All PUC students are invited to participate in various board games and role-play games.

Family Fun Night

Come watch a movie and enjoy holiday craft tables and participate in a gingerbread house building contest on Friday, December 9, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Calumet Falls.

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PUC speaks out about diversity issues

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Recent situations of prejudice, racism and discrimination have proved to be present today and a problem just as it has been in the past. Although the eyes of many may refuse to see and acknowledge it does not vanish its existence.

Megan Staf, evangelism and outreach coordinator for the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, said diversity and prejudice are ongoing topics that are discussed within the organization and need to be continuously discussed.

Recently IVCF held a discussion to which they invited many to share their experiences of prejudice on and off campus.

"Our PUC chapter is wrestling a lot with the question of how to become a diverse group and reflect all of our campus and make Jesus attractive for all of our campus," said Luke Dalach, a team leader and outside advisor for IVCF.

Dalach added that there tends to be subtle racism due to the PUC campus being a microcosm of Lake County.

"Lake County is extremely segregated. From articles I've read Lake County and Detroit compete for being the most segregated parts of the country," said Dalach. "It builds beliefs into our subconscious that we don't even know are there. Since PUC students come from all parts of Lake County, we see the affects of the segregation and racism in Northwest Indiana at PUC as if under a microscope since we're all in close quarters."

Jared Baity, president of National Society of Black Engineers, can relate to the effects of these topics after his experiences.

After transferring from an all-black college, Baity found difficulties in adapting to the atmosphere of a diverse community at PUC compared to an all-black college.

Upon attending his classes, he sought help with material in some courses from fellow students and faculty but was left rejected.

"I was in math class and was asking white students for help and no one would help me," said Baity. "It didn't make it easy [for me] and from that class I decided to leave school and left for two and a half years."

After dropping out from school, Baity returned to PUC with a different attitude and readiness to conquer his past. Baity added the experience in his class left him feeling "dumb" and discouraged but encouraged him to work harder.

"I got things together and started back as a new man. Many top students wouldn't even help me, then. Now, I'm getting help and now they are asking me for help," said Baity.

After returning, Baity realized the adversities to overcome and knew it was not an easy transition.

"I had to remember that it was just of couple people [who were not willing to help]. Now, there is a new generation of people here, and they are nice and willing to lend a helping hand," said Baity

Baity himself has opened the door to diversity by opening the doors of NSBE, welcoming students of all races to join the organization.

"Our Chapter is very diverse. We have about three white members and six black members. It's cool," said Baity. "We are all about graduating and getting a new job and not about color. We are about being successful."

Evelyn Bottando, president of Union Democratic Student Group, believes that the minority organizations, such as Black Student Union or Los Latinos, are organizations needed on campus.

Chronicle photo illustration by Michael Stern

The diversity of PUC's student population can sometimes leave individuals feeling left out. Groups around campus are trying to change that.

"There is a need to have organizations, to stand up for just causes. There is a specific need for a minority group of people to stand for a specific need to be addressed," said Bottando. "The only problem is the label. It's a stop sign saying you are unwelcome. But it's never true, never the case."

UDC, according to Bottando, is a student group that promotes participatory communication for improving human condition.

"By 'participatory communication' we mean to say that everyone should have a chance to be heard," said Bottando.

Bottando added that in order to better understand one another, we need to have a better understanding of diversity.

"Regardless our race or religion, we all deserve to educate each other to have open discussion. It's what college is about," said Bottando.

Both Baity and Bottando agree that more communication, openness and approachability are needed from faculty and instructors in order to have good communication.

"We can hope that all professors and educators are able to embrace differencem not just relate to it," Bottando said.

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Five students, drawn at random from those who complete their online course evaluations, will receive a $50 gift certificate to the campus bookstore.

You will now be presented with your class schedule and a link to a survey for each of your classes. Each survey will have eight questions and a text box for comments and suggestions.

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Classroom: no place for favoritism

Recently, a *Chronicle* staffer turned in a very important assignment in class.

For weeks, the professor for this class had talked about how the assignment would not be accepted late. It was due at 2 p.m. with no acceptions. 2:01 would be late.

However, on the day the assignment was to be turned in, one student walked in approximately 10 minutes late, handed the assignment to the professor and was not even questioned about the ordeal.

This happened to be a student who was what some may call a "brown-noser" - the student was someone whom the professor had developed an obviopus affinity for.

But the instructor had informed the class, more than once, of how previous students had shown up 5 minutes late and been forced to retake the class, as the assignment was worth 50 percent of the final grade.

Why did this student get special treatment?

There should be no preferrential treatment within the classroom structure. The grading scale is set up so that students are rewarded for the work they put into any given course (an A, B, C, D or F effort).

If an instructor decides to allow certain students oppurtunities that other students are not allowed, the credibility of the entire university is lost. If a student can turn an assignment in late without repurcussion, a professor is likely to go easier when grading that student's work.

What does our degree mean if professors have paved the way for some individuals to get it while not doing the same for others?

PUC is a fine educational institution, but when instructors disrespect the univerity (and this is only one of the many ways in which an instructor can disrespect the university) the objectivity and equality is gone and all that is left is a piece of paper that might as well say, "My professors gave this to me because they liked me."

It's like giving away a degree for a birthday present.

Favoritism also cheapens the efforts of those students who have put in the effort needed to turn things in on time, correct and well though-out.

Maybe this is a lesson to be learned not for instructors or the university, but for students reading this who choose not to "brown-nose" and become favorites. Maybe the way to get ahead is to cheat. To feign affection for a superior so that you can get a break later.

But that doesn't make it fair.

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Bush versus Kennedy legacy

BY CALVIN DAVIS
Sports Editor

With Tuesday being the 42nd anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, it's only right that we use this time as another opportuniity to down President Bush. What we'll do is compare the presidential legacies of President Kennedy and President Bush. The two presidents have more in common than you might think.

Both Kennedy and Bush were fortunate enough to have fathers who were heavily involved in politics to pave the way for them politically. No only *did* they pave the way for them politically, they provided them with the financial means to support their causes. Thanks to documentaries like "Fahrenheit 9/11," the public has a good understanding of how Bush Sr. accumulated his wealth, mainly through oil and his relationship with Saudi Arabia's royal family. Kennedy's father was a very successful businessman in Boston. While the majority of the country was suffering during the great depression, Kennedy was one of the richest men alive.

The differences come into play when you look at the political legacies that were left by Kennedy and the legacy that Bush will undoubtedly leave behind.

They say that the mark of a great man is the legacy that he leaves behind. When you think of FDR (Franklin Delano Roosevelt), you think of the New Deal and what that did for our country after the Great Depression. Some call it the very foundation of American social policy. That's what I call a legacy. Every president makes headlines; he's the President of the United States and leader of the free world. But few presidents make decisions that have an overall positive affect on the country, on their generation and generations to come.

John F. Kennedy was that type of President. Before he came into office, the U.S was behind in the race to outer space. It was Kennedy who got the ball rolling in regard to the U.S. placing a human on the moon before the end of the 1960's. Also, Kennedy initiated the Peace Corps, an agency of the U.S government whose purpose was to assist underdeveloped countries in their need for trained manpower. This program is still fully operational and serves more than 60 countries. Kennedy also had his share of conflict, which in this highly hostile world that we live in, should be expected. The Bay of Pigs, a failed attempt to overthrow Fidel Castro and his Communist regime in Cuba, was his most unsuccessful campaign.

But what Kennedy is most memorable for can't be found in any legislature or in any fiscal numbers regarding the national budget. Kennedy introduced a whole new ideology to the nation. He called it the New Frontier. As the first president to fully benefit from television and it's direct connection with the people, Kennedy introduced a new possibility to the American public. Great Society was another name of this vision for the country. The New Frontier was something new and fresh.

"It will deal unsolved problems of peace and war, unconquered pockets of ignorance and prejudice and unanswered questions of poverty and surplus," said Kennedy.

It instilled hope in the American people of something more and something to be longed for.

George Bush's legacy fails in comparison. For starters, Bush's first presidential term is marked with the biggest attack ever on American soil. The political effects of 9/11 are still being inflicted on his administration. There was the 9/11 commission, which basically concluded that the events that took place on 9/11 could have been prevented by Bush and his administration. Then there is the difficulty that he has had in getting one of his nominees for the Supreme Court in place, and the recent legal issues that have eaten up the headlines regarding Scooter Libby.

So you be the judge. Over 40 years after JFK's life was cut short by sniper's bullets, the positive aspects of his administration are still remembered. What are you going to remember about President Bush 40 years from now?

The weekly gripe

I love PUC and regret that I will be leaving here in 2007. I wish that there was an industrial psychology graduate program or simply more graduate programs in general. I enjoy the friendly atmosphere at this place of higher learning and hate the fact that I have to leave it to work toward my doctorate. I am hoping that the physical expansion of the dorms and parking garage will soon bring masters and doctorate programs to my university. Maybe one day I will be asked to return and give a hand in creating some of those programs for psychology majors in the future.

Antonio Cortes, junior in psychology

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Please look for our next issue December 5, 2005!

"Derailed" travels an unexpected path

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

In an age where most movies range from vaguely formulaic to completely predictable, "Derailed" provides only one constant - anything can happen at any time.

Charles Schine (Clive Owen) is an advertising executive in Chicago. He works hard to provide for his family - an emotionally distant wife, Deanna (Melissa George), and a daughter, Amy (Addison Timlin), who is gravely ill with complications from Type 1 diabetes. The quietly dysfunctional family lives in the suburbs where Deanna is a schoolteacher and belongs to the PTA, so Charles boards the Metra train on his way to work each day.

It's only by accident that he one day finds himself sans ticket or cash and is rescued from the angry train attendant by a leggy financial planner named Lucinda (Jennifer Aniston). She's married to a man who chooses work over her daily and has an adorable daughter who is younger than his own. Introductory conversations take the fast-track to drinks and the inevitable cab ride in the rain to a sleazy Chicago motel where they won't be recognized.

Before any more than some sloppy kissing and mutual clothing unbuttoning can happen, a burglar intrudes. He pistol-whips Charles and then proceeds to viciously attack Lucinda in an exceptionally disturbing and graphic rape scene shown through the eyes of half-conscious Charles.

Lucinda tells Charles they cannot go to the police because they would have to admit where they were and what they were about to do - and she won't risk losing her daughter when her husband finds out. Since Charles has been helpless to help anyone so far (his sick daughter, his lonely and worried wife, Lucinda during the attack), he reluctantly agrees.

And, in doing so, makes the worst decision of his life. The burglar, we eventually learn that he's called Laroche (Vincent Cassel), telephones and demands money from Charles. Things spiral out of control from there in a series of surprises and an unexpected climax.

Adapted from the novel by James Siegal (also author of "Collateral") by Stuart Beattie, "Derailed" is beautifully detailed and almost painfully suspenseful at times. "Derailed" gets under the skin because it's not a supernatural monster threatening mundane life but an unsettling reality that this situation could happen to anyone who dares cross the line.

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Jennifer Aniston and Clive Owens co-star as a pair of adulterous people who become the victims of violent crime in "Derailed," one of the best thrillers in recent years.

Dave Tamkin comes to PUC

BY VITA LAZAUSKAS
Staff Writer

Singer/song writer and Chicagoan Dave Tamkin will be performing at PUC on November 21 at 11 a.m. as part of the UPS Music Lunch Series. Tamkin is an accomplished musician who plays around the country entertaining crowds of all ages. Tamkin says playing a college shows really lets him relax and be himself.

"It gives me a chance to sit back and focus on the song. The shows are pretty laid back if they happen during the day, so I can sit and try some new arrangements," Tamkin said. "At night I get to beat the crap out of my guitar and not have to compete with the bar crowd. Although I love the bar crowd, it's just a different beast."

Tamkin says he likes live performances because it gives him a chance to change the music up a bit from gig to gig. Recordings are forever and repeated, while live shows are "roller coasters of emotions that you get to share with an audience," he said.

Tamkin takes pride in his music and believes it's very easy to relate to, which is one reason to come see his performance. However, live performances give the audience a different perspective.

"Because I'm a good dancer and you'd never know it by my show. But you will know it, because I just told you. Behind the show filled with dance moves that will never happen, you'll hear some honest songs that you'll be able to relate to and shake your ass to," says Tamkin.

Tamkin said some of his future goals are to be happy 75 percent of the time, while playing music, paying his bills, and sharing it with a lovely lady.

Tamkin is happy to meet and talk to anyone who is interested after the show. So come out at 11 a.m. on November 21 to Calumet Falls and meet Dave Tamkin.

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Brides of Destruction fuse new and old

JEFF WAUGEMAN
Staff Writer

Super groups such as Audioslave and Velvet Revolver might be percieved as being an old band with new members in it. It is a relief that finally a band can not be considered an old band with a new member in it even though some of the members have had great success with other bands. This group is Brides of Destruction. Their debut disc is "Here Come the Brides" which is a straightforward mix of hard rock and post-grunge.

The Brides of Destruction are Tracii Guns (L.A. Guns and also played with Gilby Clarke) as sole guitarist, Nikki Sixx (Mötley Crüe) on bass, London LeGrand on vocals and Scot Coogan (who played with Vanilla Ice) on drums.

The band originally started around 2002, when rock veterans Tracii Guns and Nikki Sixx joined forces with Adema drummer Kris Kohls, keyboardist Adam Hamilton and unknown Los Angeles vocalist London LeGrand in a project called 'Cockstar'.

Hamilton quickly left and was replaced by utility rhythm guitarist John Corabi, who had served a brief '90s tour of duty as Mötley Crüe's lead singer. The band was then rechristened Brides of Destruction.

When I first heard the track "I Don't Care" on XM radio, I was shocked that a song this great song was not on regular radio. I decided to pick up the album but I had to order the disc from the internet.

London LeGrand has one of the most original vocal styling, which makes you want to listen to the rest of the disc. The song I keep coming to is "Natural Born Killers." This is one of my favorite songs on the disc. The only ballad on the album is "Only Get So Far." I am not a big fan of ballads but this one is all right.

The song "Life" gives the message that even though life may treat you roughly you should not abandon it. This is shown through the lyrics "This is life this is it/ It's not everything you want/ It's everything you get believe it/ It's not worth leaving/Yeah this is life once again/It's been knocking at your door/ You ought to let it in/Don't waste it it's time you faced it."

However, the big problem was that there were only nine songs on "Here Come the Brides". Despite that it was worth what I paid.

On this disc, you see why Tracii Guns is one of the most underrated guitarists. They show that not all the members in the band have to be well known to make a great album. For more information go to www.bridesofdestruction.com. Their new album is called "Runaway Brides."

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Brides of Destruction prove that old and new can fuse together to create a new and exciting sound.

Chronicle photo by David P. Funk

Chris Katsoris plays "Irony Road" during Open Mic Night on November 19 in Calumet Falls.

The Chronicle Top 10 Thanksgiving dishes

10. Gravy
9. Home-made bread
8. Green Bean Casserole
7. Sweet Potatoes
6. Cranberry Sauce
5. Salad
4. Turkey
3. Stuffing
2. Mashed Potatoes
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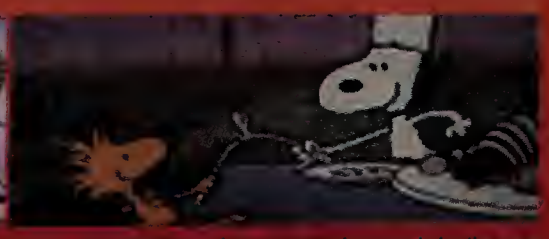

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"Goblet of Fire" spits out a winner

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" is easily the best movie in the series thus far. "The Goblet of Fire" is the fourth movie in a series that will have seven movies total and is based on the popular children's book series by J.K. Rowling. "Goblet of Fire" is darker and scarier then the previous three movies and runs about two hours and 30 minutes. Unlike the third movie in the series, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," "Goblet of Fire" does not leave fans of the book series disappointed at the material that was left out of the movie version.

This movie has a PG-13 rating, with good reason. This installment is darker, scarier and more sexually charged then the previous three. After all, Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and his friends Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) are now fourteen and hormones are starting to kick in, even for witches and wizards. Not to mention Lord Voldemort gains even more power during Harry's fourth year at Hogwarts.

In "The Goblet of Fire," two other wizarding schools descend upon Hogwarts for the Tri-Wizard Tournament. Each school is to have one champion participate in the dangerous tasks and that champion is to be over the age of 17. As if by magic Harry is chosen as the second Hogwarts champion, after Cedic Diggory (Robert Pattison).

Harry, who is three years too young to participate, must now face the daunting tasks of the Tri-Wizard tournament. Not only will Harry have to face tasks that have proven deadly in the past, he has to find a date to the Yule Ball, a dance related to the tournament, as well.

The young actors have really flourished and it shows in "Goblet of Fire." Ron's twin brothers, Fred and George (James and Oliver Phelps) get some much needed screen time in this installment. The mischievous twins do an excellent job of providing some much needed comic relief in such a dark movie and they steal each scene they appear in.

The one character that is not up to par is Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambon). The role was much better suited for Richard Harris who played the role in the first two movies but passed away before "The Prisoner of Azkaban" was filmed. Harris captured the kind - hearted but strong man, who is also Harry's mentor, perfectly. Gambon seems to interpret Dumbledore as somewhat dimwitted instead of what he is -the greatest wizard of all time. Gambon gives the only disappointing performance of the entire movie.

Dark days are ahead at Hogwarts and the visuals of "Goblet of Fire" do not lie. Each installment seems to bring viewers different versions of Hogwarts and this version is dark and foreboding but spectacular. The beginning scene at the Quidditch World Cup (the equivalent of the World Series or Super Bowl for wizards) sets the whole tone for the movie and after that viewers are never once let down.

The wizards and witches in "Goblet of Fire" are also normal kids. They say and do silly things such as an "I heard it from him, who heard it from her, who heard it from the other guy" exchange between Ron and Harry.

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Ron and Harry worry about looks, girls and the return on Lord Voldemort in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire".

The wizards are also growing up, albeit awkwardly. A group of girls walks by, to which Ron says "I like watching them from behind" with a misty look in his eyes. Ron has an awkwardness that anyone who went to high school can relate with. Harry and Ron trying to find a date for the Yule Ball is one of the more entertaining subplots in all four movies combined. Harry's rejection and Ron's indignation that Hermione is going with none other then the famous Quidditch player, Viktor Krum, are touching testaments to the awkwardness that comes with being 14.

Overall, this is the best installment yet. Fans of the series will love this movie and it might just make a few new Harry Potter fans as well.

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Purdue Indian Student Association

BY DAVID P. FUNK
News Editor

The Purdue Indian Student Association was founded last year by a group of Indian students at PUC in attempt to bring Indian students together to celebrate Indian culture, traditions and heritage.

"It is one of the best ways to learn more about our culture and heritage," said Anubhav Gupta, the group's secretary. "Also, the Indian festival celebrations provide a perfect opportunity to discover our hidden talents."

The group is very active around campus, celebrating Indiana festivals and raising funds for various charities. At present, the group is trying to collect money for Tsunami victims as well as Manoj Rana, a friend of many within the group who was badly burned in the tragic August Englewood apartment fire. Rana is still recovering in University of Chicago hospitals.

Off campus, PISA helps Indian students new to PUC become acquainted with the university and the country. They hold monthly meetings with games like cricket and other Indian activities, making the transition as easy as possible for foreign students.

On Sunday, November 20 the organization held a cultural celebration entitled "Diwali - The Festival of Lights" in Alumni Hall. The event contained music, comedic plays, cultural dances, games, a "Star of Diwali" show and Indian food. Entry was free, but donations for Manoj Rana, the PUC student who was critically injured in a fire over the summer were accepted.

The turnout for last year's "Diwali" was bigger than the group expected. It was the group's largest event of the year. It looks to be again as this year over 100 people attended. PISA member Sanjay Anad said last year more faculty than students attended, but this year it was the opposite.

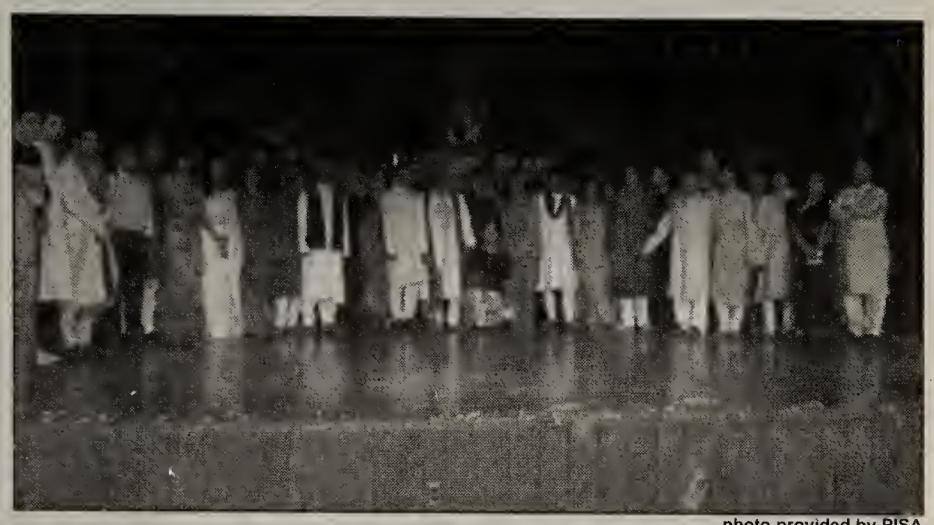
"The attendance was much more than expected," said Gupta, an engineering major. "[It] was attended not only by the Indian community but also people from various other communities."

PISA describes itself as being a group for any PUC student interested in multicultural integrity and experience.

The organization wants to encourage anyone and everyone to participate in their Holi celebration, to be held next March.

Professor Lash Mapa is the group's advisor and Saurabh Agrawal is PISA's president. Abhinav Mithal is vice president.

Students interested in joining PISA can call 219-484-0356 or send an e-mail to pisa_calumet@yahoo.com.



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PISA's annual "Diwali" celebration has seen a larger turnout than expected in two consecutive years.

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Brandon Basila, freshman, chemical engineering

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Snow Showers/Windy 37°/ 30°
40% chance of precipitation

Wednesday November 23
Few Snow Showers 44°/ 29°
20% chance of precipitation

Thursday November 24
Few Snow Showers 36°/ 21°
30% chance of precipitation

Friday November 25
Few Snow Showers 33°/ 19°
30% chance of precipitation

Saturday November 26
Partly Cloudy 34°/ 25°
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Sunday November 27
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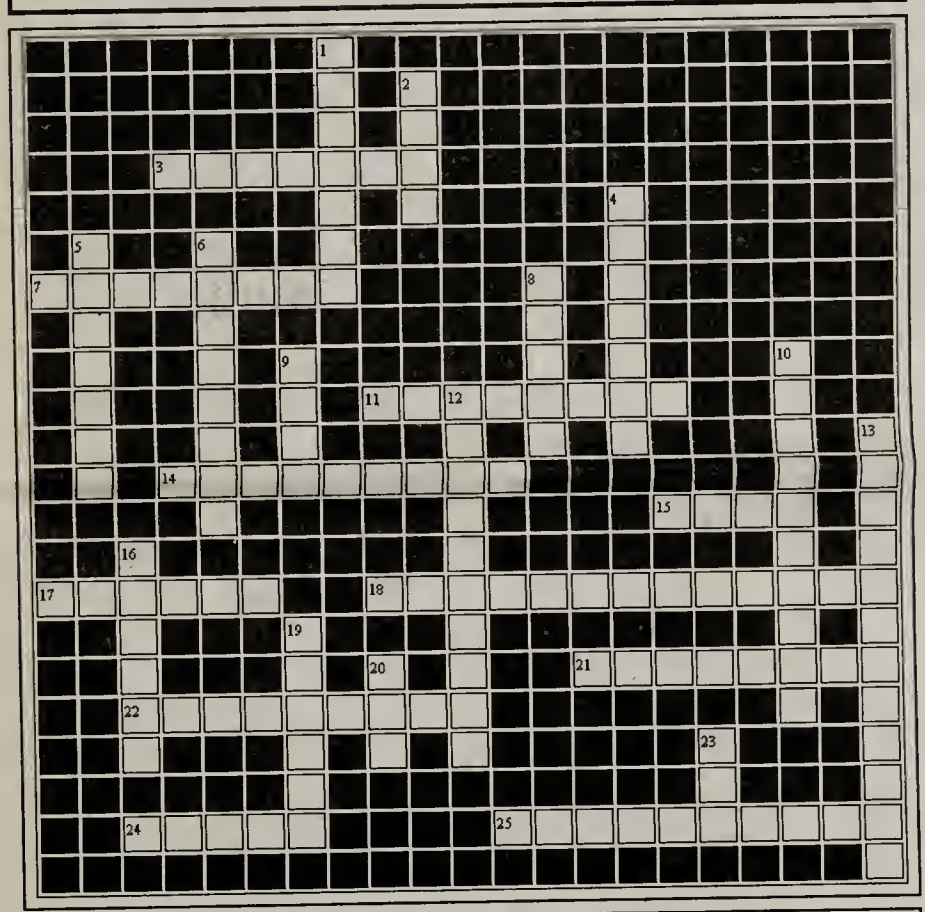

Across

3. decoration or made into pie
7. Came on the Mayflower
11. some are sweet, some are mashed
14. sauce with Thanksgiving dinner
15. vegans eat this kind of turkey
17. thanksgiving meal centerpiece
18. Site of first Thanksgiving
21. Stove Top is a brand name
22. tribe who celebrated with Pilgrims
24. usually go with dinner (baked)
25. this president declared last Nov. Thursday Thanksgiving

Down

1. pilgrims shot them
2. not a leg or breast
4. male turkey
5. this president declared Thanksgiving a national holiday
6. pilgrim governor
8. not dark meat
9. yellow vegetable
10. horn-shaped basket
12. John Madden awards them on Thanksgiving
13. November 24 this year
16. Indians shot them
19. holiday centers around giving this
20. Christians give thanks to
23. female turkey

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across
3. Pumpkink 7. Pilgrims
11. Potatoes 14. Cranberry
15. Tofu 17. Turkey
18. Plymouth Rock
21. Dressing 22. Wampanoags
24. Rolls 25. Washington

Down
1. Muskets 2. Wing 4. Gobbler
5. Lincoln 6. Bradford 8. White
9. Corn 10. Cornucopia
12. Turkey Legs 13. Thanksgiving
16. Arrows 19. Thanks 20. God
23. Hen

Withdrawn

Continued from page 9

Merrick had a similar experience this semester. Merrick was withdrawn from Dr. Lynn Zimmerman's EDPS 285 course, a class centered on diversity in education.

According to Merrick, Zimmerman told her that there was no possible way she could make-up the work she had missed after Merrick informed her from California that she would be staying an extra three days to attend church.

As a result, Merrick has lost her status as a full-time student and therefore been dropped from her parent's insurance policy.

Faculty and staff were unable to comment on any specific issues because of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

While Purdue University has no clear policy regarding these issues, it does encourage instructors to be understanding of diverse religions.

In a memo obtained by The Chronicle from Alysa C. Rollock, vice president of human relations for Purdue, addressed to the Purdue University community, the university promotes sensitivity to thesc issues.

The memo, dated September 14, 2005, says that "Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person." Rollock urges instructors to be "sensitive to the fact that the scheduling of examinations, class assignments, meetings and other significant events on certain holidays or days of religious observance may place some members of the university community in a very difficult situation."

The memo cites The Days of Awe on the Hebrew/Jewish calendar and the Muslim month of Ramadan.

The PUC student handbook contains a non-discrimination policy which prohibits the discrimination of any member of the university community based on race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a disabled or Vietnam war-era veteran.

However, there is no set policy regarding students missing class for religious reasons.

Students facing situations like Merrick's and Hoitsma's will face the same results until a change is made.

Police Beat

November 7 8:30 a.m.
2200 169th Street

A camera was taken froma buffle bag without the owner's permission.

November 7 11:55 a.m. CLO building

Victim stated she was giving a speech in class when she passed out. Victim refused any assistance and went to her next class.

November 8 9:21 a.m. parking lot three

Vehicle was parked in reserved parking spot. Officer could not locate owner and had vehicle removed.

November 8 12:30 p.m. parking lot 7

Both vehicles were backing out of their parking spots and struck each other.

November 9 1:40 p.m. SUL building

While victim was working in cooking class, she sliced her finger with a knife. They refused medical attention but was transported home by a friend.

November 9 8:00 p.m. parking garage

While on patrol, officer found the call box dammaged. It had appeared someone struck it with their vehicle and left the scene.

November 9 parking garage

Some unknown vehicle struck call box on the second floor of the parking garage.

November 10 6:30 p.m. 2200 169th Street

Information obtained about a student who was nruly in class, leaving concern with the teacher that he may return and cause more problems.

November 13 4:51 a.m. Universty Village

Officers responded to an intense argument between two subjects. After investigation, one subject was placed on a no trespass order with the purdue university police department.

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Intramural Volleyball Standings

TEAM	Wins	Losses
Bad News Bears	8	1
Bigger Dogg	7	2
PUC Spikers	5	2
Crushers	5	3
Trojans	4	4
Dig This	4	3
D.O.A	4	4
Bump,Set,Spike	4	4
"The Killer Bees"	3	5
Big Dog	1	7
Orville Ready Blockers	0	7

Flag football standings N.F.F.C

TEAM	Wins	Losses
Hammond Bears	9	1
Twisted Steel.....	7	2
Hoosier Daddy	6	3
Hammond Cheese	5	4
Bumble Bees	4	5
Oilers	3	7
Devil Dogs	Dropped	Dropped

Flag Football Standings A.F.F.C

TEAMS	Wins	Losses
Sofa King	9	0
This Year's Champs	7	2
Magnums	7	2
Demons	6	3
Prime Time	5	4
PUC Colts	4	6
Village People	2	7
Pro Bowlers II	1	8
Da Biz	1	8

Intramural Floor Hockey Standings

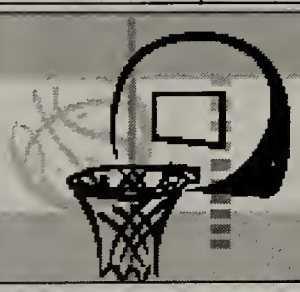
TEAM	Wins	Losses
Off Constantly	4	1
Robertsdale Rolling Rock	4	1
Sharpshooters	2	3
PUC Redhawks	0	5

Calvin Davis' Big Ten plus Notre Dame Picks

November 26	Time	TV	Pick
Wisconsin at Hawaii	8:00 PM	ESPN 2	Badgers by 7
Notre Dame at Stanford	7:00 PM	ABC	Irish by 10

Calvin Davis' NFL Picks

November 24	Time	TV	Pick
Atlanta at Detroit	11:30 AM	FOX	Falcons by 7
Denver at Dallas	4:15 PM	CBS	Broncos by 5
November 27	**Time**	**TV**	**Pick**
Baltimore at Cincinnati	Noon	CBS	Bengals by 7
St. Louis at Houston	Noon	FOX	Rams by 7
Carolina at Buffalo	Noon	FOX	Panthers by 7
San Francisco at Tennessee	Noon	FOX	Titans by 5
New England at Kansas City	Noon	CBS	Patriots by 6
Chicago at Tampa Bay	Noon	FOX	Bears by 7
San Diego at Washington	Noon	CBS	Chargers by 7
Cleveland at Minnesota	NOON	CBS	Vikings by 7
Miami at Oakland	3:05 PM	CBS	Raiders by 5
Jacksonville at Arizona	3:15 PM	CBS	Jaguars by 3
NY Giants at Seattle	3:15 PM	FOX	Giants by 3
Green Bay at Philadelphia	3:15 PM	FOX	Eagles by 3
New Orleans at NY Jets	7:30 PM	ESPN	Jets by 5
November 28	**Time**	**TV**	**Pick**
Pittsburgh at Indianapolis	8:00 PM	ABC	Colts By 7



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Minuyard Wheeler 17.5 ppg	Steve Polak 5.5 rpg	Minuyard Wheeler 2.5 apg
Charles Cruz 13 ppg	Thomas Mosley 5.5 rpg	Steve Polak 2 apg

Women's Basketball Leaders

Scoring	Rebounds	Assists
Michelle Jones 16 ppg	Tekenya Harper 8.6 rpg	Michelle Jones 4 apg
Nikki Borys 11 ppg	Michelle Jones 6.6 rpg	Niki Borys 1.6 apg
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The CAL-culation: Real Sports Talk

BY CALVIN R. DAVIS
Sports Editor

I've been quoted in one of my other articles as saying that fall is arguably the best sports season of the year. Luckily I said arguably. Because once again I have fallen in love with another season; winter. Actually the only difference between fall and winter, besides a few snowflakes, is basketball season and no baseball.

Over the next two months or so, I am going to log countless hours watching the best that winter sports has to offer.

Let's see, first of all we have the second half of the NFL season. This is where you see the separation of the contenders from the pretenders. Right now it looks like Peyton Manning and the 9-0 Colts are the front runner for the Vince Lombardi trophy. But the season is 16 games long, so it will be nice to see how well the Colts perform down the stretch.

The NBA season is still early but the Detroit Pistons started the season at 7-0. The Eastern Conference will come down to three teams; the Indiana Pacers, Miami Heat and the aforementioned Pistons. The Western Conference is a little tougher to decide. But at the end of the day, look for the defending champion San Antonio Spurs to be the best in the west.

My second favorite sport, college basketball, began this past week. The Duke Blue Devils will probably be in the number one spot until they lose a game, and even after that happens, they still seem to have all the ingredients of a national championship team.

But enough of that. I intend to spend the rest of this commentary bashing the system that has, and continues to ruin my favorite sport of the winter, college football. Every fall I practically beg the football gods to have the season end with 10 undefeated teams and for those stupid BCS computers to catch as many viruses as possible.

Seriously.

What does it take for the NCAA to see that it simply does not work ? Last season the Auburn Tigers did exactly what I and anyone else opposed to the BCS system wanted them to do. They finished their season 13-0 in arguably the nation's toughest conference, the SEC. Still that wasn't enough to put them in a national championship game. The season before that, USC was left out of the big game and was forced to share the title with LSU.

I mean who wants to share something as precious and hard-earned as a national championship? In what other sport have you seen two teams compete all season long, through injuries, road trips and two-a-day practices, to share a title with another team?

I know that the BCS system is all about the dollars, $ 11 million of them per bowl to be precise. But my train of thought says that the more games that are played, the more money you would make unless my addition is wrong. Here is my formula and pardon me for making it so complicated. Stay with me because I don't want to lose you. Here it goes: if there are three or more undefeated teams at the end of a season, they should play it out until only one team is left standing.

Wasn't that the most complicated formula you've ever seen in your life? It must be, because the heads of the NCAA have failed to discover it. My prayers in regard to this season were answered until two weekends ago when Alabama, the only undefeated team besides USC and Texas, had their undefeated record stained by LSU. So now it seems like the BCS computers got it right. But that's not what happened. The players decided on the field.

So now all I can hope for is to have both USC and Texas, who are ranked one and two respectively, to lose one game so that there can be mass BCS confusion come January. But since that probably won't happen, I'm going to have to find another favorite sports season. The NCAA tournament still understands the concept of having one champion, so now I'm a spring guy.

Old Oaken Bucket Game Result

The Boilermakers of Purdue University defeated the Hoosiers of Indiana University 4[illegible]-14 in Saturday's "[illegible]d Oaken Bucket" ri[illegible]lry game

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Peregines dissapointed after losing home opener

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PUC's home court must become a tough place for opposing teams to play if the Peregrines continue to lose on the road.

BY BRANDON THOMAS
Staff Writer

Well, we are another day closer to Christmas and another week into the PUC men's basketball season. The Peregrine's played their first game home game last Tuesday against the Trinity Christian Trolls, and suffered a 71-75.

The home team was only ahead for the first three minutes of play, and then they fell behind the Trolls for the remainder of the game. At one point the Peregrines were down by 13 points, and went into the half-time on the down side of a 44-35 deficit.

Though their first game didn't end with the victory that they were hoping for, they did make the end of the game interesting. The Peregrine's came out of the half and showed a lot of fight; battling back with a 9-0 run and coming within one point of the Trolls midway through the second period.

They also seemed to address their concerns from the free throw line, missing only one in the entire game. But the loss of the game may be due to their lack of accuracy from the field. The shots just weren't falling. They fell behind their season average in scoring, as leading scorer Thomas Mosley only contributed 18 points.

Purdue also played out of character as their foul total exceeded their season average. This gave the hungry Trolls more opportunities to score, and ultimately sealed the fate of their season home opener.

The brilliant play of the Trolls cannot be undermined though. They were on fire from the floor and their three point efficiency was fantastic, shooting 55% and scoring 33 points from downtown.

Consequently, the Peregrines are disappointed in their tough defeat, but the season is far from reaching its end. The Peregrines still played good defense at points of the game. Which was evident when they rallied back to make the game close.

So, ending this season with last year's results has not crossed the minds of any of the Purdue Calumet faithful. The Peregrines will hit the road this week for a three games with their hopes set on a perfect week.

This Week...

Men's Basketball:
11/22
PUC at Taylor University
Upland, IN

11/25
PUC at U.of Wisconsin-Parkside

11/26
PUC at U. of Wisconsin-Parkside Kenosha, WI

Women's Basketball:
11/30
PUC at Judson College
Elgin, IL

Intramurals:
11/22
Floor Hockey Playoffs
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